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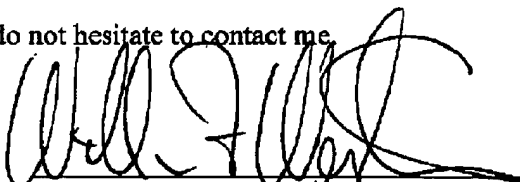
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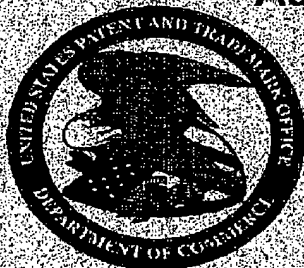
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 Serial No.: 09/981654 Examiner: HANG T. NGUYEN
 Filed: January 8, 1998 Configuration No.: 6015
 For: LIQUID CRYSTAL SHUTTER AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME
 Attorney Docket No.: 971460
 Client File Number: 25834

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioners for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Date: July 6, 2004

Sir:

Applicant prays the Commissioners for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2004 for one month from June 3, 2004 to July 6, 2004 (July 4, 2004 being a national holiday).

Please charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2846 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entry. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2846.

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In re the Application of: **Yasushi KANEKO, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2871**

Serial No.: **08/981,654**

Examiner: **Dung T. Nguyen**

Filed: **January 8, 1998**

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For: **LIQUID CRYSTAL SHUTTER AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME**

Customer No. **38834**

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: **July 6, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 5, 2004, reconsideration of the rejection in that action is respectfully requested.

Claims: There are no amendments to the claims. The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.